

PATENT

Attorney Docket No. ICR 97/026



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Brian Jay **DOERKSEN** )  
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Application No.: 09/872,390 ) Group Art Unit: 1764  
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Filed: June 1, 2001 ) Examiner: Alexa A. Doroshenk  
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For: **ALTERNATE COKE FURNACE TUBE** )  
**ARRANGEMENT** )

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**  
**TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED 10/28/2003**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 10/28/2003, Applicant submits the following amendments, remarks and declaration under 37 CFR § 1.131, and petition under 37 CFR § 136 for a three-month extension of the time to respond. The Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks and declaration. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

**Enclosed** with this paper is a Declaration of Brian Jay Doerksen under 37 CFR § 1.131 together with supporting exhibits.

**Also enclosed** with this paper are:

- three (3) sheets of proposed substitute drawings, together with three (3) sheets of drawings as filed marked in red ink to show proposed changes; and
- a copy of the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 5, 2003, which added claims 25-38.

**Additionally enclosed** with this paper is a petition under 37 CFR § 1.136 for a three month extension of the time to respond, together with a Fee Transmittal form in duplicate authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(3) for the extension, the extra claim fee under 37 CFR § 1.16(j) for new claim 39, and any other fees that may be due to Deposit Account Number 16-1575, ConocoPhillips Company, Houston, Texas.